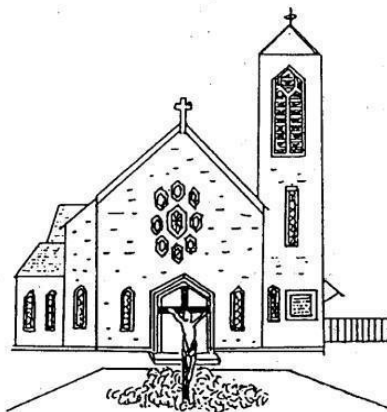


**Sunday**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Bible Sunday**  
**Psalter week II**

**Year: C**  
Baruch: 1-9  
Ps 1:25  
Phil: 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3: 1-6



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

**December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor - Memorial*  
Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Bible Sunday**  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity*  
**Mass at 6pm**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec *Our Lady of Loretto*  
Children's Rosary Group: 6.20pm then St Anthony's Devotions &  
**Mass 7pm**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec *St Damasus, Pope*  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**  
*Adoration: 10am-11am – after Mass*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec *St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec *St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor - Memorial*  
Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm  
**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am  
**Mass 9.30am**

**INTENTIONS**

Zygmunt Wezelak RIP

Phillip John Whitlock RIP

Private Intention

Elizabeth Blair Park (b'day)(KC)

Edward Craggs (SB)

Helen Brown (birthday)(KC)

Craggs Family (KC)

David Brown RIP (SB)

Joyce Bownas RIP

**COMMISSIONING OF READERS:** Will take place this weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December (Bible Sunday). This commissioning will take place at both the Saturday evening 6.00 pm Mass as well as at the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Peter Parker, Ann O'Grady and David Brown.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** A wonderful start on the First Sunday of Advent, please come and join us. First and third Sunday at the 9.30am Sunday Mass, during term time.

**Faith, Fun & Friendship**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week it's Sue for CAFOD and next week Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

**THERE WILL BE SINGING PRACTICE** this Thursday 12th December at 7.30 pm in Church - if you can sing in tune, you are very welcome!

**HOSPITAL MASS:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12.15 pm, in the Hospital Chapel. This Mass is for all the staff, patients, patient's families, volunteers and parishioners of our area. If you're able to attend, we'd love to welcome you to the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel.

**CHESTER OPERATIC SOCIETY: "CHRISTMAS IS COMING"** A concert of sacred and popular Christmas music. Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St Werburgh's. Ticket price: £16.50 (includes mince pie and glass of mulled wine or soft drink at interval). Tickets available by calling 01244 675431 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chesteroperatic](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chesteroperatic)

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please bring your boxes and give to Tony or leave in the Sacristy for counting. Thank you.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please keep the donations coming, they will be taken to the warehouse when the trolley is full. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve.

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** The funding shortfall felt by all Charities has reached the SVP England & Wales. Budget cuts mean the society will reduce staff by 15% and many projects will be cut short or cancelled. Chester will not get an SVP shop and the Birkenhead Support Centre will be funded from the Central Council. Our Holiday Home is not affected as its funding stream and management is local and not national. Hard times have come I'm afraid. God bless, Steve

**OUR MISSION TOGETHER:** We seek your suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on, things that will benefit the life of the parish now and that we can pass onto future parishioners. Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church and leave in the OMT envelope on the noticeboard or pass to Fr Patrick or any Parish Council member.

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For pilgrims of hope:** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** It was a joy to celebrate Holy Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to mark the start of Advent. The children sang and read beautifully. Next week, we have our Key Stage One Nativity and our Key Stage Two Carol Concert. The children are busy preparing and our school is filled with song, which is such a joy.


**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Christmas Fair,** Thursday 12th December, 4-6:15pm. £1 entrance fee on the evening. Fabulous stalls, Santa's Grotto, food, music and more! All welcome!

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP:** Tuesday 6:20 pm Discover how to teach your children the beauty of the Rosary prayer, asking Our Lady's help before almighty God. An opportunity to make family prayer time special and meaningful!

**CHAPLAINCY VACANCY AT HMP STOKE HEATH PRISON:** Nr Market Drayton in Shropshire. Job description & application information: 92268 - Roman Catholic Ordained Priest/ Deacon, Religious Brother, Sister - MoJ or contact Mohammed Rahman, Imam & Managing Chaplain, HMP & YOI Stoke Heath on 01630 636175. Closing date: 13th December.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EVAN ROTHWELL** Year 7 King School pupil, formerly St Werburgh's Primary school pupil, will be held at St. Werburgh's Church at 11.00a.m. on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

**THE NEW ESV (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) LECTIONARY:** began last week. If you wish to purchase your own copy of the new Sunday Missal, they are available online at the CTS (Catholic Truth Society)

<https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2025/> or see Sue or Sheila after Mass at the Repository. The Repository is well stocked for Christmas too, make sure you take a few minutes to have a look 

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